

# BJP chalks out strategy to regain foothold in 14 Lok Sabha seats in UP

LUCKNOW, Feb 19: In the run up to the 2024 Parliamentary elections, the BJP has turned its focus to 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh where the party lost in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections with four Union ministers assigned the responsibility of assessing the party's strength and weakness in these areas.

The seats held by the non-BJP parties in the state are Bijnor, Amroha, Moradabad, Sambhal, Raebareli, Ghosi, Lalganj, Jaunpur, Ambedkarnagar, Ghazipur, Shravasti, Mainpuri, Saharanpur and Nagina. Of these, Raebareli is held by Sonia Gandhi of the Congress.

The Samajwadi Party has three Lok Sabha MPs from Uttar Pradesh, including Dimple Yadav (Mainpuri) and Shafiqur Rahman Barq (Sambhal). The BSP has 10 Lok Sabha MPs from the state.

A senior leader of the BJP told PTL, "The party has given responsibility to four Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar, Annapurna Devi, Ashwini Vaishnav and Jitendra Singh to assess the strength, weakness, challenges and threats on the lost seats".

"These ministers have assessed these areas in the first phase and have submitted a report to the party. General secretary of BJP's state unit Amarpal Maurya has been authorised to coordinate between the (party) organisation and the Government on these 14 seats," the senior leader said.

According to party sources, Tomar has been given the responsibility of monitoring Lalganj, Ambedkarnagar, Shravasti and Raebareli.

Devi has been given Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Ghosi while Singh has been given the task of looking after Mainpuri, Sambhal, Moradabad and Amroha. Vaishnav has been given the task of assessing Saharanpur, Nagina and Bijnor Lok Sabha constituencies.

In the meeting of the state unit of the working committee last month, UP BJP chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary gave the responsibility to the office bearers to win all the 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

As part of the efforts to secure the seats, the party has started holding meetings with the beneficiary groups of various schemes of the Centre and State Government. It has also started a

dialogue with various sections of the society.

BJP national president JP Nadda had visited Uttar Pradesh on January 20 after the extension of his term and interacted directly with ex-servicemen, booth committee members and prominent sections of the society.

A party functionary said Nadda will tour western Uttar Pradesh and other senior leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, will also visit the seats which the party had lost in 2019.

Chaudhary said on the booths where the results had not come out in our favour in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, "we are establishing a dialogue with the public by identifying those booths through booth empowerment."

The party is also spreading awareness about the public welfare works and schemes being implemented by the government.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the SP, BSP and RLD had contested together. The BJP and its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) had got 64 seats, while the BSP had got 10 seats followed by the Samajwadi Party, which got five seats.

The Congress retained its bastion of Raebareli.

In the Lok Sabha by-elections held last year, the BJP wrested the bastions of Azamgarh and Rampur from the Samajwadi Party.

However, the saffron party could not clinch victory on the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seats, which went to bypolls following the death of SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav.

Dimple Yadav, the daughter-in-law of Mulayam Singh Yadav was successful in retaining the seat.

The Uttar Pradesh election result is significant as the state accounts for 80 seats in the Lok Sabha. (PTI)

# Replace electric pole at Paloura



Gourav Paloura

# Flooding in Urban areas

It may sound a bit irre rainy season is about five months away from now. Our recent data unfortunately reveals a dim picture as since last two decades, it is seen that every year many colonies within urban limits of Jammu are flooded and water logged. The reason is primarily due to lack of determining root causes and non-serious approach towards preparedness to mitigate this havoc. It is an open secret that many prominent natural flowing non-peripheral Nallah have been hugely encroached upon due to mushrooming of unauthorised colonies.

It has reduced the original width to accommodate the flood water to flow during rainy season. I have regularly gone through the column "Municipal Ward Update" in Daily Excelsior where majority of the Councillors have highlighted the problem of Nallah flooding during rainy season particularly in parts of the areas in Wards of Jammu South and East Jammu. Though few areas in Jammu West too are affected due to flooding. It is worthwhile to make mention of acute flooding that posed alarming situation when 4-5 feet deep water logging took place in Trikuta Nagar Sector 5 (Extn) during rainy season of 2014. During rainy season of 2021 some houses in Trikuta Nagar (Sector -5, Extn) were again water logged due to over flowing of nalla due garbage blockade. Similarly a bridge in Gadigarh was washed away affecting the vital road link.

Even few houses in Nanak Nagar and Digiana were badly affected due to water logging. Surprisingly there are cases of water logging with filthy water/mud in some houses of the so-called posh locality of Gandhinagar as well. There was hue and cry for few days but gradually the matter has become the issue of the past. I wish to appeal the concerned authorities that still we have five months time to address the issue as a step towards preparedness so as to mitigate the problem. I feel that all the major Nallas particularly having adequate catchment areas from higher elevation need to be assessed from a team of expertise in association with officials of Town Planning wing of JMC so that some concrete measures are suggested from team of experts. The integrated approach may bring out the effective measures to mitigate this problem. There is a need to pay serious attention towards the causes that led to removal of the rampant encroachment on banks of these nallas. The concerned authorities need to focus and prepare a roadmap to tackle this problem on priority.

Lokinder Singh Ravi  
Channi Himmat

# Repair roads and drains in Roopnagar

Kind attention of the authorities of Jammu Municipal Corporation is invited towards the bad condition of roads and drains of Lane No. 04, Block-B, Roopnagar Extension-1, Ward No.-64. The continuous neglect in the repair of the roads, as well as drains, has become a cause of serious concern and a health hazard as well as death trap for the residents. Vacant plots have turned into dumping sites.

The Mayor is requested to mitigate the sufferings of the inhabitants and that too at the earliest.

Kewal Krishan  
Roop Nagar

# Scarcity of drinking water in Ishwar Nagar Colony Udheywala

The residents of Ishwar Nagar in Ward No.61 comprising of about 50 families in Udheywala area who are being supplied drinking water from the PHE Pump Station Muthi are facing hardships for the last so many years due to insufficient and irregular water supply for all seasons despite the fact that water tax bills are being regularly paid by inhabitants. All the requests made by the inhab-

itants of this locality for supplying the drinking water sufficiently and regularly have fallen on deaf ears. In response to various grievances on LG portal, concerned authorities made a fake reply that water supply is being provided for 45 minutes regularly but the fact lies that water is not being supplied regularly and sufficiently. The supply pipe line was laid some 15 years ago and presently it doesn't cater to needs of residents. The Department concerned despite seized of the matter has not so far taken any step in order to ensure regular and sufficient drinking water to the people living in the colony. The L.G and the Chief Engineer concerned are requested to look into the matter so that grievances concerning the people of the area are redressed immediately.

Sanjay K.Dhar  
Ishwar Nagar Welfare Committee

Overloading continues to be one of the major concerns in Udhampur town. This problem has been highlighted a number of times but no resolution has been found to it. Though Traffic Police has set up numerous nakas, but these have not proved effective in curbing the menace. The overloading in many parts of town is a serious threat to safety of commuters. The way out of it to press more matadors in service, and act tough against the violators of traffic rules and those indulging in overloading.

K Kumar  
Udhampur

# Overloading in Udhampur



# India, US making fresh efforts for practical cooperation in civil nuclear energy sector

NEW DELHI, Feb 19: In the face of growing global concerns over energy security triggered by the Ukraine conflict, India and the US are giving a fresh look at exploring practical cooperation in the civil nuclear energy sector after failing to move forward since inking a historic agreement over 14 years back for partnership in the area.

Ways for possible cooperation in nuclear commerce under the framework of the India-US nuclear agreement of 2008 figured prominently in the talks US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources Geoffrey R Pyatt had with his Indian interlocutors in Delhi on February 16 and 17.

In an exclusive interview to PTL, Pyatt described India as a "very crucial" partner for the US in ensuring global energy security in view of serious disruptions in supplies of fossil fuel resulting from Russia's "brutal" invasion of Ukraine.

"I am very focused on how we can develop opportunities for future civil nuclear cooperation, recognising that if we are stuck at issues, we have to work them through, the famous liability question," he said.

"The business model of the civil nuclear industry is changing. In the US, we made a huge commitment to small and marginal reactors which could be particularly suitable to the Indian environment as well," he said without elaborating further.

The senior Biden administration official also said the US supports Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "incredibly ambitious" energy transition goal of having 500 GW (gigawatt) of energy from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.

Pyatt served at the US Embassy in New Delhi as Political Counselor from 2002 to 2006 and as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2006 to 2007, a

period that saw intense negotiations between the two sides on the civil nuclear pact.

The actual cooperation in the civil nuclear energy sector eluded in the last over 14 years primarily due to differences between the two sides over India's liability rules relating to seeking damages from suppliers in the event of an accident.

"It was the first big thing that our two governments did together. It was so powerful for the rest of the world," Pyatt said about the 2008 pact.

The US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy said the "civil nuclear renaissance" that the people were talking about got derailed to some considerable degree following the accident at Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant in 2011.

However, he said Japan is now reconsidering the importance of nuclear power as part of its overall response to the "incredible disruptions of the global energy markets that (Russian President) Vladimir Putin has caused with his invasion of Ukraine," he said, adding the climate crisis is another reason for preferring clean energy.

Pyatt suggested that New Delhi is very keen to take forward civil nuclear energy cooperation as part of the overall bilateral energy ties.

"The US-India energy and climate agenda is one of the most important that we have anywhere in the world," he said.

In 2016, US energy firm Westinghouse and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCI) broadly agreed on terms for setting up of six nuclear reactors in India.

However, the negotiations were derailed after the American company declared bankruptcy in 2017.

There has been renewed focus globally on nuclear energy after the Ukraine war resulted a fossil fuel crisis. (PTI)

# India's rising population a ticking time bomb, says Togadia

Former Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Pravin Togadia on Sunday described India's rising population as a "ticking time bomb" and stressed the need to formulate a law to prevent its explosion and the resulting adverse effects.

He also expressed hope that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah will introduce a law for population control and the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) ahead of next year's parliamentary elections. Togadia, president of Antarrashtriya Hindu Parishad, was talking to reporters in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur ahead of addressing a public meeting in Basna area of state's Mahasamund district.

When asked about the demand to bring a population control law, Togadia said, "The rising population and population imbalance are a time bomb and when it explodes it will lead to civil wars in cities and villages.

Therefore, in order to prevent such a situation there is a need to formulate a population control law." "I believe that Narendrabhai Modi and Amitbhai will go to the 2024 election after formulating laws regarding population control, UCC and construction of temples in Kashi and Mathura.

These moves will not only protect Hindus, but also their (Bharatiya Janata Party's) votes," he added. Replying to another question, he said Bharat is already a Hindu rashtra and we wanted to establish it as a Hindu political state.

India is a Hindu majority country and we will not allow Hindus to feel insecure anywhere in India. (PTI)

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) UDHAMPUR- REASI CIRCLE UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS NIT No. 56 of 2022-23 Dated 15/02/2022 (e-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on Percentage rate from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Advised Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Balance work for Construction of Degree College at Pooni, Reasi - SCOPE OF WORK:- Construction of main building, Canteen, Chowkidar Hut, Gate keeper hut, Boundary wall, paver block, fire fighting work, water tank, septic tank, Rainwater harvesting, drain, RCC retaining wall, internal road (Part-I) including plumbing, Earth work in cutting and filling, Cost of R/wall, B/wall, Drain, foot path, P/L of GSB, WMM & OGPC with seal coat.	496.57	6000	2% of advertised cost)	24 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 28/02/2023	'A' Class

Position of AAA :- Accorded  
Position of TS :- Accorded  
Major Head of Account :- Higher Education

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15/02/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15/02/2023 to 27/02/2023 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	20/02/2023 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur.
4	Bid submission Start Date	15/02/2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	27/02/2023 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28/02/2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Udhampur - Reasi Circle Udhampur and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest Money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur, at the time of allotment.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-  
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.  
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquire bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

Sd/-  
(Er. KISHORE KUMAR)  
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
PWD(R&B) UDHAMPUR- REASI CIRCLE  
UDHAMPUR

DIP/J-15654  
Dt: 17-02-2023

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RCC UPPER DIVISION KATHUA e-mail: rccupperdiv.kathua2@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
E-NIT No: -38 of 2022-23 Dated: -15-02-2023

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system from approved and eligible contractors registered with CPWD, MES, Railways, BRO, and PWD of J&K UT /other State/ Central Governments for each of the following works:-

Sl.No	Name of work	Estimate d Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of tender document (InRs.)	Earnest Money( Rs)	Timeof completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class ofContractor
1	Improvement/Restoration of D-5 by way of silt/jungle clearance, pitching, grouting and restoration of falls between RD 6400-11500M	118.88	2000/-	237800/-	90 Days (Working Days only)	28-02-23	Company/ Firm/ Contractors class A

Major Head of Account : NABARD  
Position of AAA : 01/AAA OF 2020-21 DATED: 03-02-2021  
Position of funds : BUDGETED IN PRINCIPLE  
Position of TS : UNDER PROCESSES

- The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per below schedule:

Critical Dates:

a)	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15-02-2023
b)	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 16-02-2023, 9.00 AM to 27-02-2023, 6.00PM
c)	Last date for submission of queries, if any (in writing or e-mail <a href="mailto:rccupperdiv.kathua2@gmail.com">rccupperdiv.kathua2@gmail.com</a> )	18-02-2023 upto 6.00PM
d)	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	20-02-2023 at 11.00 A.M In the Office of the Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua.
e)	Bid submission Start Date	20-02-2023 from 9.00AM
f)	Bid Submission End Date	27-02-2023 upto 6.00PM
g)	Dead line for receiving the Hard Copy of documents from L-1 Bidder, including Original Treasury Receipt/Bank Challan & BidSecurity/EMD, Affidavit on correctness of information-[The date should be 7 days after opening of Financial bid]	In the Office of the Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua (in case of its holiday it should be submitted next working date within stipulated time)
h)	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-02-2023 at 12.00 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua
i)	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified online after technical bid evaluation is completed

- The Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan or to be deposited by the bidder in the following account:-  
**Tender Fee (Cost of tender documents):**  
Cost of tender fee indicated above has to be deposited by the bidder in shape of Treasury e- challan/ Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua (under Revenue Head 0701) (DD will not be accepted). The bidder shall upload the receipt of the same failing which the tender shall be declared non responsive.  
**Please note that the receipt towards deposit of amount of tender fee clearly indicating the e-NIT No. & name of work & Scanned copy of the same has to be uploaded along with the bid document Failure to do so shall render the bid non-responsive.**

- The bid security/EMD may be accepted in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt, or Bank Guarantee from any of the Commercial Bank or payment online in an acceptable form duly pledged to Executive Engineer, RCC Upper Division Kathua, Payable at Kathua. The Financial Instruments should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.  
**The date of Treasury Challan, Earnest Money/Bid security must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date, Failure to do so shall render the bid non-responsive.**
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address or on registered mobile Number. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer RCC Upper Division Kathua.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-  
i. Any bidder/tenderer with draw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
ii. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of intent or Letter of Acceptance.  
iii. In case contract or fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Ravi Canal Construction Upper Division  
Kathua

DIP/J-15605/22  
Dated: 16-02-2023

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR WITH THE POWERS OF ASSTT COLLECTOR 2ND CLASS LANGATE

Subject: Grant of permission to the alienation of migrant immovable property belonging to Smt. Sarla Raina D/o: Dina Nath Dhar W/o: Bushan Lal Raina R/o: Langate District Kupwara for land measuring 02 Kanal and 15 Marlas under survey No 5135 situated at Village Langate.

PRESS NOTE

This office has received above cited alienation case endorsed by the worthy Divisional Commissioner vide his office letter No. Div-Com/MLA/For-12315 for grant of permission to the alienation. A general power of attorney has been given by one Sarla Raina D/o: Dina Nath W/o: Sh Bushan Lal R/o: Langate in favour of Shasta Gaffar D/o: Ab Gaffar Dar W/o Fayaz Ahmad Mir R/o: Usman Abad Upper Ashpeer Sopore Baramulla for land measuring 02 Kanals and 15 Marlas under survey No. 5135 and sale deed has been executed in favour of Fayaz Ahmad Mir S/o: Late Wali Mohd Mir R/o: Usman Abad UpperAshpeer Sopore with consideration of Rs 30,25,000. Before further processing the said case if any one has any objection regarding the subject matter he is directed to file the objection before the said office within a period of seven days from publication of this notice during the office time. After expiring the date no objection or claim can be entertained.

Sd/-  
Naib Tehsildar, Langate

No. NIL/22/182-83 Dt: 11.02.2023